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SUBJ: "ALLIANCE" FORMED AT ULUNDI CONFERENCE

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1. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THE JANUARY 11 MEETING IN THE KWAZULU CAPITAL OF ULUNDI BETWEEN LEADERS OF THE COLORED LABOR PARTY, THE INDIAN REFORM PARTY AND INKATHA RESULTED IN THE FORMATION OF A WORKING RELATIONSHIP, WHICH THE PARTIES REFERRED TO AS AN ALLIANCE. THE PARTICIPANTS REPORTEDLY AGREED THEIR MOVEMENTS WERE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA, THAT THEY SHARED COMMON AIMS AND OBJECTIVES AND THAT THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE TO FORMULATE A JOINT STRATEGY AGAINST APARTHEID. TO IMPLEMENT THESE PRINCIPLES AND TO PREPARE THE GROUNDWORK FOR A NATIONAL CONVENTION THEY AGREED TO FORM AN INTERIM COORDINATING COMMITTEE. THE CONVENTION, TO WHICH ALL SOUTH AFRICAN WOULD BE INVITED, WOULD DESIGN A CHARTER FOR A NON-RACIAL COMMUNITY AND A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

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2. CHIEF BUTHELEZI WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE 10-MEMBER COMMITTEE. OTHER MEMBERS ARE MR. Y.S. CHINSAMY, DR. M. MAYET AND A. RAJBANSI OF THE INDIAN REFORM PARTY, REVEREND ALAN HENDRICKSE, DAVID CURRIE AND FRED PETERS OF THE COLORED LABOR PARTY, AND Z.M. KHUMALO, GIBSON THULA AND DR. DENIS MADIDE OF INKATHA. IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD MEETINGS EVERY TWO MONTHS, WITH THE FIRST MEETING SCHEDULED FOR CAPE TOWN ON MARCH 13.

HOWEVER, A PREPARATORY MEETING WOULD BE HELD NEAR ULUNDI BEFORE THEN FOR "IN-DEPTH CONSULATIONS".

3. IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS THE COLORED AND INDIAN LEADERS AT THE CONFERENCE EMPHASIZED THAT THE ALLIANCE IS NOT AIMED AT CONFRONTATION WITH WHITES. MR. CHINSAMY SAID "WE ARE NOT TRYING TO SABOTAGE THE COUNTRY" AND COLORED LABOR PARTY LEADER SONNY LEON STATED "WE WILL JOIN HANDS BUT WE WILL NOT REFUSE TO EXTEND OUR HANDS TO THOSE WHITES WHO WANT TO BE PART OF THE HUMAN RACE IN SOUTH AFRICA". HOWEVER, LEON ADDED THAT COLORED PEOPLE WOULD NOT ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE USED BY WHITES AS A BARRIER AGAINST AFRICANS AND CHINSAMY STATED THAT IF THEY ACCEPT THE SAG'S PARLIAMENTARY DISPENSATION "WE ARE BEING TRAITORS TO OUR AFRICAN PEOPLES."

3. POST IS MEETING WITH SEVERAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS DURING NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. WILL REPORT THEIR VIEWS AND IMPRESSIONS ASAP.FARBER

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